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PRESS RELEASE

TIME/DATE OCCURRED: 4:45 PM, January 3, 2003
TIME/DATE ISSUED: 4:00 PM, January 4, 2003
NATURE OF CALL: Accidental Death of off-duty Placer County Deputy Sheriff
LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: Fair Oaks, California

SHERIFF EDWARD N. BONNER RELEASES THE FOLLOWING:

We are saddened to announce that a member of our law enforcement family was killed in an accident while jogging. Deputy Karen Johnson died from injuries she sustained after being struck by a motor vehicle while she was jogging. The accident investigation is being conducted by the California Highway Patrol.

Karen started as a Deputy Sheriff for Placer County on November 27, 1993. Her current assignment was as a DARE Officer, a position she has held for over 3 years. Prior to her employment as a Deputy Sheriff, Karen was an elementary school teacher in the San Juan Unified School District. In addition to her duties at the Placer County Sheriff's Department, Karen was an award winning amateur athlete and had competed in the California Police Summer Games and International Police and Fire Games. Karen also was the coordinator for the Special Olympics Torch Run through Placer County and helped raise funds for the Special Olympics by participating in the "Tip-a-Cop" program in local restaurants.

Arrangements for services are pending. Karen's family asks that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to Placer County Dare or the Special Olympics.

RELEASED BY LIEUTENANT GEORGE MALIM 530-889-7858

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